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1. From early June 1953 to harvest time in early August, 234,000 thousand tons of feed grain and 120,000 tons of bread grains were required in East Germany. The food supply in the coming year is expected to be insufficient.
2. The 1953 crops, especially the sugar beet and feed grain crops, are expected to be poor in Kreis Salzwedel. There are similar expectations in the entire Bezirk Magdeburg.
3. There was no shortage of food during the uprising in Elsterwerda, Saxony. There had apparently been an improvement in the food supply situation in the early part of July.
4. An additional import quota of 5,000,000 tons of fruit and vegetable is planned by the East German Government.
5. Between 6 May and 10 June 1953, 47,000 tons of soybeans were imported from China via Hamburg.

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